

1-1 By: Vasut, Geren, Swanson (Senate Sponsor - Taylor) H.B. No. 1987  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2021;  
 1-3 May 13, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
 1-4 Affairs; May 24, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 24, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-13	X			
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to eligibility requirements to hold a political party  
 1-20 office.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 161.005, Election Code, is amended by  
 1-23 amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsection (a-1) to  
 1-24 read as follows:

1-25 (a) To be eligible to be a candidate for or to serve as an  
 1-26 officer [~~a county or precinct chair~~] of a political party, a person  
 1-27 must:

1-28 (1) [~~be a qualified voter of the county; and~~  
 1-29 [~~2~~] except as provided by Subsection (c), not be a  
 1-30 candidate for nomination or election to, or be the holder of, an  
 1-31 elective office of the federal, state, or county government; and

1-32 (2) if the office is a county or precinct chair of a  
 1-33 political party, be a qualified voter of the county.

1-34 (a-1) For purposes of this section, the following are  
 1-35 officers of a political party: precinct chair, county chair, and a  
 1-36 member, vice chair, and chair of a state executive committee of a  
 1-37 political party.

1-38 (c) A candidate for nomination or election to, or the holder  
 1-39 of, an elective office of the federal, state, or county government  
 1-40 is eligible to serve as an officer [~~a county or precinct chair~~] of a  
 1-41 political party to which Chapter 181 applies.

1-42 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to a candidate for  
 1-43 nomination or election to an office the term of which begins on or  
 1-44 after the effective date of this Act.

1-45 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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